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Interview Summary	Application No. 09/678,611	Applicant(s) SAKAI ET AL. 	
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Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
 c) ☒ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☒ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.
 If Yes, brief description: _____

Claim(s) discussed: 1, 15, 16, 19 and 20.

Identification of prior art discussed: Suzuki (U.S. 6,256,133).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☒ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: (1) The Applicant's Representative proposes to amend claim 1 to include a feature of the invention, which would overcome the prior art in Suzuki and will provide clarification regarding the support of the added limitation. (2) Claims 15-16 and 19-20 are a mixture of method and apparatus claims and will be reworded to present the claims as apparatus claims.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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